

Punchettes

LAW ENFORCEMENT

It is often said that law enforcement depends upon public opinion. There was never a more fallacious statement made. It is a smoke screen which often hides cowardly, inefficient, or corrupt public officials. That doctrine has done more to break down respect for law and to prevent the enforcement of law than any other statement ever made.

Law is sovereign. There is no such thing as never was such a thing as the divine right of kings. But there is such a thing as there will be forever such a thing as the divine, sovereign right of law. Law is sovereign. And laws ought to conform to the sovereign right of eternal LAW.

No criminal believes in law. No criminal believes in the penalty that



law inflicts. No criminal believes in justice. No criminal wants justice. Therefore, when it is said that public opinion controls the enforcement of law, THEN, it is said that public opinion is the opinion of criminals, and that public opinion is a criminal opinion.

I deny such a statement. If it is true, that in itself does not excuse the public official nor give him the license to neglect to enforce the law.

There are no methods by which justice should be averted except the methods prescribed by law. The poor midnight thief who steals a ham to support his hungry child is often caught and punished while the man who steals a railroad is made its president. These apparent injustices come because of the doctrine that public opinion must be consulted before law is enforced.

Whether the man be a plumber or preacher, whether he be a banker or butcher, whether he be the head of a labor organization or the president of a capitalistic trust, if he violates the law, defies this government, flaunts his infamy in the face of the Constitution he ought to be put in the penitentiary and fed on bread and water until he confesses his wrong, pays his penalty to society and is willing to kiss the flag every day the rest of his life.

Law is supreme and should be enforced.

TOWN TOPICS OF A WEEK

The Important Happenings of Punta Gorda and Vicinity Briefly Told

W. L. Koon transacted business in Arcadia, Saturday morning.

The best boiled ham at 50c the pound at Smith's Market. adv.

Dr. B. B. Blount paid a professional visit to Arcadia, Friday evening.

Complete line of all kinds of feeds at Smith's. Prices are very low. adv.

Mrs. George S. Stone of Fort Myers, spent Saturday here visiting friends.

A business errand caused H. L. Blakely to visit Arcadia, Monday morning.

Try one of those splendid chuck steaks at 15c the pound. Smith's Market. adv.

Born, in this town, Sunday morning 10th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Locke Addison, a son.

Mrs. Lee Motes had the pleasure of entertaining, Sunday, Mrs. Alex Chambers of Tampa.

Swift's Premium Hams (whole) 35 cents a pound at Smith's. None better, you know. adv.

Mrs. U. S. Whiteaker went to Brownsville, Sunday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Roy Saxon.

James F. Corbett came up from Uscappa, Saturday, and remained here till Monday, visiting his family.

Genuine Mexican chili con carne prepared fresh on premises at Palace Quick Lunch in Steele's place. adv.

Miss Nell Linquist, Fort Myers bankess, visited her home folks here from Saturday till Sunday evening.

If something to eat is THE QUESTION see us and we will answer it satisfactorily. Manhattan Cafe, S. F. Stephens, Mgr. adv.

All the carpenters in town are busy at profitable work, which is proof that much building and repairing are being done.

H. W. Smith, Captain W. H. Johnson and Road Engineer Pollard enjoyed a short visit to Fort Myers Wednesday.

Good grade of smoked bacon, sliced, for 30c a pound at Smith's Market. Try to duplicate the quality and price elsewhere. adv.

Mrs. J. S. Williams and two children went to Arcadia, Saturday afternoon, to spend a week visiting kindred and friends.

Miss Marian Corbett went to San Antonio in Pasco county, Monday, to resume her studies in a popular academy located there.

Mrs. Laura Reed, accompanied by her niece, Miss Emily Crosland, went to Tampa, Monday night, and returned the following night.

If your appetite is strong, we satisfy it. If your appetite is weak we give it strength. A test is what we invite—Manhattan Cafe. adv.

Mrs. Ed W. Smith has returned from North Carolina, where she spent two months very pleasantly visiting kindred and old friends.

The brothers, Brady and Robert Williams of Tampa, were here from Saturday night till Sunday night, mingling with their numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Enggren went to Jacksonville, Sunday night, to bring home an automobile which they bought abroad and had shipped to that city.

Gilbert B. Grunwell, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Grunwell, left Wednesday evening, for Wenonah, New Jersey, where he will enter a military academy to prepare himself for entering next year the university of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Ivan Jordan and her little son Louis returned, Wednesday night, from a very pleasant visit of two months to the former's mother, Mrs. C. R. Milton, and other kindred, at Pelham and Camilla, Georgia. En route home, they stopped over and spent several days visiting kindred and friends at Bushnell.



Auto Troubles Corrected

Don't Worry—Bring Your Car Here—Overhauling and Repairing is our Business.

Expert and Guaranteed Work on Any and All Cars. Magneto Re-charged. Free Air and Water. Lubricating Oils and Ford Parts for Sale.

Goff's Garage

H. C. SCHULTZ, Prop.

Manhattan Cafe

Smith Building

SUNDAY

CHICKEN DINNER

65c

The best food, well prepared, served in clean, cool surroundings by clean, courteous people.

SECOND HAND STORE

I Buy, Sell and Exchange FURNITURE

SAMUEL NAIL

The Weather

The following report of local weather conditions is furnished by J. J. McCann, local U. S. Weather observer, for the period beginning September 7th, and ending September 13th, 1922.

Day	Temperature	Rain-fall	Kind of day
	High	Low	
7	87	71	.58 Cloudy
8	90	71	.90 P. C.
9	93	72	.23 P. C.
10	92	74	.07 Clear
11	90	71	.15 Clear
12	90	70	.44 Clear
13	92	68	.76 Clear

"Come to Punta Gorda"

The following poem, reproduced Walt Mason style because the Herald cannot set poetry, its poetry attachment to the typesetting machine having been out of order for several years, is by J. Denmon Hood, a 100 percent booster for Punta Gorda and Charlotte county: "You should come to Punta Gorda; I'll tell you the reason why: The air is pure and balmy, beneath the tropic sky. You should come to Punta Gorda, far from the land of snow, amid the birds and flowers, where the sweet magnolias grow. You should come to Punta Gorda, where the orange blossoms grow, and enjoy the balmy zephyr from the Gulf of Mexico. You should come to Punta Gorda, on the Charlotte harbor bay, amid the trees and flowers, where the children love to play. You should come to Punta Gorda—be sure and do not fail. You will find it south of Tampa—on the Tamiami trail.

Attended Convention

Col. C. A. Waltmire represented Punta Gorda at the meeting of the Florida League of Municipalities which was held in Orlando early last week, going as the representative of the city manager who could not attend. Col. Waltmire, who made a detailed report of the meeting to the city commission Tuesday night, was much impressed with the possibilities for good to be accomplished by the league, especially along the line of securing uniform traffic laws. He was impressed, also, with the reports from various large and small cities indicating uniform success. Twenty-five cities were represented at the meeting by about 50 delegates. The next meeting will be held in Miami.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from the toils of earth our beloved sister, Elise Blount, be it resolved: That Punta Gorda Chapter, No. 59, O. E. S., has lost an efficient and much loved member; our loss is her gain. That we extend to the bereaved parents our heartfelt sympathy, reminding them of the happy reunion in the Great Beyond. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the parents, and be spread on our minutes, also published in the local paper. Amy H. McQueen, Olive H. Curry, Hester Douglass—Committee. adv.

Miami's building permits by the month for the year are: January, \$199,700; February, \$108,500; March, \$266,000; April, \$225,700; May, \$285,600; June, \$616,814; and July \$367,300.

Agricultural scientists maintain that there is more food value in one acre of beets than in four acres of wheat.

Bruges, Belgium, was the center of the world's traffic in the twelfth century.

GO TO

GRIGGS'



— FOR —

GROCERIES

QUALITY TELLS AND PRICE SELLS!

That's the reason we serve the same customers year after year. Join the crowd and see what satisfaction means.

EVERYTHING IN GROCERIES CURED MEATS AND VEGETABLES

J. T. GRIGGS
Punta Gorda, - - Florida

The Florida Advocate published at Wauchula, tells of the sinking of a new artesian well for the city, a gusher, and the water reported as pure and free from sulphur. The city of Wauchula recently bought ten acres of land for park purposes, and it is on this tract that the new well was sunk. Another well will be bored, and between the two a new reservoir probably established. The Advocate says a third well should be put down, and the water from it used for a swimming pool. The Advocate's suggestion is that the park should contain a baseball diamond and otherwise made suitable for recreation as well as park purposes.—Florida Grower.

GO TO THE RESCUE

Don't Wait 'Till It's Too Late—Follow the Example of a Punta Gorda Citizen

Rescue the aching back. If it keeps on aching, trouble may come. Often it indicates kidney weakness. If you neglect the kidneys' warning, Look out for urinary disorders. This Punta Gorda citizen will show you how to go to the rescue.

E. Keen, prop. blacksmith shop, Sullivan St., says: "Many years of hard work as a blacksmith, weakened my kidneys and brought on kidney complaint. When I stooped to lift, catches took me in the small of my back and nearly doubled me up. My kidneys acted too freely and the secretions were highly colored. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at the Cochran Drug Co., and they rid me of the backache and put my kidneys in good shape. Doan's can't be beat."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Keen had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv.

Ever Ready Garage

S. E. LOCKLEAR, Manager

Day and Night Service

Courteous Service—All Work Guaranteed Satisfactory

Gas, Oil, Ford Parts King Street, Near Marian Ave.

S. F. J. TRABUE

Real Estate Agent

In Punta Gorda where property is advancing and investments safest, I have Real Estate to sell and desire to buy for clients. List your property with me while there is a demand. All classes of real estate handled—houses, lots, truck lands and groves. The long looked for advance in realty is here—ACT WHILE THE ACTING IS GOOD.

Picture Frames made to order

Books . . .
Magazines..
Newspapers

McClelland & Co.

"The House That Appreciates Your Trade."



Pepper Seed \$3 the Pound

Genuine Ruby King

We buy direct from the grower and this means you save all middlemens profits.

A. P. HATCH

Groceries, Fruits and Vegetables